Britannica's Tales Around the World

Britannica's Tales Around the World (also referred to as ***Britannica's Fairy Tales from Around the World*** and ***Familiar Tales Around the World***) is an animated educational series that ran from 1990 to 1991.

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Premise

Britannica's Tales Around the World, written by Douglas Lieberman, teaches kids a familiar fairy tale from around the world, followed by two lesser-known stories that share a similar story. The series opens up in a computer generated landscape, containing a floating castle and the planet Earth in the background. Pat Morita would explain the significance of each of the three stories and then the camera zooms to a country on Earth where the fairy tale was traditionally told.

Episode list

Britannica's Tales Around the World	
Genre	Children's Educational
Created by	Britannica Video
Directed by	David Alexovich
Presented by	Pat Morita
Composer(s)	George Daugherty
Country of origin	United States
Original language(s)	English
Production	
Executive producer(s)	Phil Stockton
Release	
Picture format	576i (4:3 SDTV)

Title	Year
"Beauty and the Beast/The Chinese Parrot/Sedna"	1990
Beauty and the Beast (France): **The Chinese Parrot (China):** **Sedna (Eskimo):**	
"Sleeping Beauty/The Petrified Palace/Sun, Moon, and Talia"	1990
Sleeping Beauty (France): **The Petrified Palace (Bangladesh):** **Sun, Moon, and Talia (Italy):**	
"Cinderella/Maria Cinderella/The Maiden, the Frog, and the Chief's Son/"	1991
Cinderella (France): **Maria Cinderella (Chile):** **The Maiden, the Frog, and the Chief's Son (Nigeria):**	
"Rumpelstiltskin/St. Olaf and the Troll/King David and the Giant"	1991
Rumpelstiltskin (Germany): **St. Olaf and the Troll (Norway):** **King David and the Giant (israel):**	
"Hansel and Gretel/The Woodcutter's Wealthy Sister/Pedro and the Monster"	1991
Hansel and Gretel (Germany): **The Woodcutter's Wealthy Sister (Syria):** **Pedro and the Monster (Philippines):**	
"Rapunzel/Fenchelchen/The Princess in the Tower"	1991
Rapunzel (Germany): **Fenchelchen (Malta):** **The Princess in the Tower (Israel):**	

Home Video

USA

These tapes were released by Kids Klassics and GoodTimes Entertainment

- **Cinderella and Other Tales**
- **Sleeping Beauty and Other Tales**
- **Beauty and the Beast and Other Tales**
- **Rumpelstiltskin and Other Tales**
- **Hansel and Gretel and Other Tales**

- **Rapunzel and Other Tales**

These DVDs were released by Encyclopædia Britannica on their online store.

- **Beauty and the Beast, Sleeping Beauty and Other Animated Tales**
- **Cinderella, Rumpelstiltskin, and Other Animated Tales**
- **Hansel and Gretel, Rapunzel, and Other Animated Tales**
- **Aesop's Animated Fables**

UK

These DVDs were released by Pegasus and Brightspark Entertainment.

- **Beauty and the Beast/Rumpelstiltskin**
- **Cinderella/Sleeping Beauty**
- **Hansel and Gretel/Rapunzel***

(*) Re-released by Brightspark under the title "Tangled Up".[1]

Controversy

When Brightspark re-released episodes of "Britannica's Tales Around the World" under the title "Tangled Up", The Walt Disney Company accused the company for "misleading consumers with numerous releases that confuse and undermine the trust those consumers have in Disney", especially when the rerelease contained a similar title and cover artwork to Disney's 2010 film, *Tangled*.[1][2]

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